

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 371****HOUSE BILL NO. 133****By Representatives Bell, Matlock, Hill****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 162****By Senator Bunch**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 4 and Title 49, relative to use of American Indian symbols, images, and names.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) The general assembly recognizes that many Tennessee institutions, both public and private, have elected to select symbols, mascots, and names to represent such institutions. Such symbols, mascots, and names are often chosen in recognition of the area's heritage and to honor and respect certain persons or cultures and their contributions to our citizens and our state.

(b) No state agency has the authority to require or to prohibit or impair in any way the right of any public or private institution to continue to honor certain persons or cultures through the use of symbols, names, and mascots.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 24, 2007**  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**APPROVED this 7th day of June 2007**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR